



# Handi-NEWS & NOTES



September 2006

## ADMIRALS, BUCKS & WAVE TICKETS

“Wil-O-Way Key Card!”



The Milwaukee Admirals, Milwaukee Bucks & Milwaukee Wave are again participating with the Wil-O-Way Key Card Program to distribute free and discounted tickets to people with disabilities for the upcoming 2006-2007 season. Membership in the Wil-O-Way Key Card program is required to gain access to these tickets. For an individual or organization annual membership, Wil-O-Way Key Card holders will receive the following benefits;

- **Access to the Milwaukee County ticket distribution program,**
- Invitation to Milwaukee County recreation and culture special events,
- Information about other low or no cost community recreation events, and
- Access to Wil-O-Way programming.
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Membership applications for the 2007 Wil-O-Way Key Card will begin being accepted soon. Your 2006 membership is good through the end of the year.

Ticket reservations can be made by completing the ticket request form (only sent to Wil-O-Way Key Card members). You will also need to enclose a SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE with your form (faxes and e-mail WILL NOT be accepted). You WILL NOT be receiving a confirmation phone call verifying or denying your request.

We do not have the tickets in our office, however, we will reserve the seats. The tickets must be picked up in person at the **WILL CALL WINDOW** at the northeast corner (Admirals), the southeast corner (Bucks) of the Bradley Center or the main entrance (4<sup>th</sup> & Kilbourn) of the US Cellular Arena (Wave) no later than 15 minutes

after the game starts or your reservations will not be honored. The Admirals & Wave windows open one hour prior to game time. The Bucks window opens two hours prior to game time. The maximum number of tickets allowed per game and per month for individuals and organizations appears on the registration form each month.

You will note that the Milwaukee Bucks have a new ticket policy and the Milwaukee Wave do offer FREE tickets for each home game. We cannot make reservations for friends or relatives for nearby seats (other than your companion). You must do this at the Bradley Center or US Cellular Arena box offices. We will try to accommodate parents with minor children.

If your plans change or you become sick and you cannot use your tickets, please notify us at 414-278-3930 (V) or 414-278-3937 (TTY) Monday thru Friday - 8:00am to 4:30pm as soon as possible prior to the scheduled game. On weekends or non-office hours, please call your cancellations in to the teams directly [Admirals - 414-227-0550 (v); Bucks - 414-227-0500 (v); Wave - 414-224-9283 (v)]. There is a great demand for tickets and we do not want to deny other fans a chance to see a game. If you do not pick up your reserved tickets for a scheduled game, we may not be able to give you future reservations. We will take weather and/or illness into consideration.

*Membership in the Wil-O-Way Key Card program does not guarantee that you will receive all or any tickets requested each month. All tickets are subject to availability*

## THE REC ROOM Recreation Calendar

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## VOTE! September 12th

September 12<sup>th</sup> is Primary Election day.  
Exercise your muscles and vote!



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## HAPPENINGS IN THE PARKS!

### Boerner Botanical Gardens



#### September 7 (10am – 12pm) & 16 (9:30-11:30am) FBBG Volunteer Orientation & Training

Do you think roses rule? Do you have a passion for peonies? Boerner Botanical Gardens is a place like on other, with a fun atmosphere and people who are excited about what they do. Many year-round volunteer opportunities await you. Call 414-525-5655 to pre-register!

#### September 9 & 12

##### Growing Gardeners (Ages 3, 4 & 5): Dinosaur Days 10:30 am or 1:00 pm \$15 / \$10 Members

It's time to hunt for plants at the Gardens that grew when the dinosaurs walked the earth. Watch for dinosaur footprints and make a terrarium with plants like the dinosaurs may have eaten.

#### September 9, 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon Sunflower Growing Contest Judging Featured Judge: Marvin Kiefer, Friends Business Manager

##### Winners Announced at 12:00 Noon!

Who's sunflower will be the tallest (2005 winner 141")? Who will have the largest flower head (2005 winner 23")? Join us for some friendly competition! *Mark your calendar to enter next year – seeds are available for pick-up May 1, 2007!*

#### September 16, 10:00 – 11:30 am Ornamental Grasses, \$12/\$10 members

Ornamental grasses offer a great diversity of textures, forms, and sizes. Explore the ornamental grasses in Boerner Botanical Gardens during their peak. This lecture will teach you the many different varieties that you can use to add diversity to your landscape as well as the best choices for Wisconsin.

*Dates and topics may change. For more information, to confirm or pre-register, please call 414-525-5653.*

## MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY SAILING CENTER AWARD

The Christopher Reeve Foundation has awarded a Quality of Life grant to the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center. The grant is in recognition of the MCSC's efforts to provide sailing programs for the disabled.

The MCSC has taken precautions to make their sailboats handicap accessible, including adding a floating dock and hydraulic lifts for easier wheelchair access.

The Quality of Life grants were started by Reeve's widow Dana in 1999 to improve services for those living with paralysis. Since its inception, over \$8 million has been awarded to various organizations.

"The continuing growth of the Quality of Life grants program is a testament to the strong legacy left by Dana Reeve," said Kathy Lewis, president and CEO of the CRF. "Her spirit continues to inspire us as we work to make a real difference in the daily lives of those living with paralysis."

## ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**Easter Seals Kindcare is now accepting registrations for their 4 After School Program Locations, including:** Milwaukee Hamilton, Wauwatosa – Fisher Building, New Berlin Eisenhower, Waukesha Central

These after school programs, specifically designed for individuals ages 7 to 21 with special needs, provide daily respite and recreation for participants and their families. Programs operate Monday through Friday from 2:30 – 6:00 following the academic calendar of the cooperating location. Participants engage in activities that include arts and crafts, cooperative games, music, sports and much more.

For more information, please contact, Beth Causier, Respite Program Manager, at Easter Seals Kindcare – 414-449-4444 ext. 233 or via email [bethc@eastersealskindcaresewi.com](mailto:bethc@eastersealskindcaresewi.com).

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## SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATES

By Karyl Richson  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Milwaukee

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL REMINDER: SUBMIT FORM SO THAT SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS CONTINUE FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AFTER AGE 18

If your son or daughter is a high school student turning 18 and collecting monthly Social Security benefits, there is one more item to add to your "Back-to-School" checklist.

To ensure that Social Security benefits continue beyond age 18, eligible students must submit the necessary form to school officials to certify they are still in school. Otherwise, monthly Social Security checks automatically stop when a student turns 18.

About 200,000 students receive Social Security benefits in the United States. Some students receive Social Security survivors benefits because a parent is deceased. Others may get dependent benefits because their parent receives Social Security retirement or disability benefits. Benefits for minor children generally continue until age 18 or 19 if they're still in high school, unless they are disabled and eligible for childhood disability benefits. In that case, a separate application for benefits is required.

For more information about Social Security student benefits, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials/). The website outlines how the process works with instructions on what the student and school official must do to ensure benefits continue past the student's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. With the appropriate certification, Social Security generally does not stop benefits until the month before the month the student turns 19, or the first month in which he or she is not a full-time student, whichever is earlier.

Social Security's website also includes: a downloadable version of the required SSA-1372 form -- *Students' Statement Regarding School Attendance* -- that must be completed by the student, certified by the school and returned to Social Security; answers to Frequently Asked Questions for school officials and students; and a field office locator to find the address of a local Social Security office

If you do not have access to the Internet, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY, 1-800-325-0778).

## DISABILITY STARTER KIT MAKES APPLYING FOR BENEFITS EASIER

Albert Einstein once said, "Everything should be made as simple as possible ...." That wisdom is certainly something with which most of us non-geniuses would agree.

Applying for Social Security disability benefits involves both government regulations and medical evidence. In order to make the application process easier to understand and navigate, Social Security has created a "Disability Starter Kit" that will help people get ready for a disability interview or online application.

The starter kit provides information about the specific documents and the information that we will ask for. The kit also provides general information about the disability programs and our decision-making process that can help take some of the mystery out of applying for disability benefits.

Each Disability Starter Kit contains: a fact sheet that answers common questions about applying for disability benefits; a checklist of documents and information we will ask you for; and a worksheet to help you gather and organize the information you will need.

The fact sheet provides the legal definition of "disability" and explains how Social Security decides if a person's condition is severe enough to meet the eligibility criteria. It also gives tips on steps an individual can take to speed up the decision-making process.

The checklist provides a list of the information we need for most disability claims. That includes documents such as a birth certificate, latest W-2 form and military discharge papers, and information such as the names and addresses of all the doctors and other health professionals who have treated the applicant.

The worksheet gives examples of important questions we ask during the disability application interview, such as a description of impairment(s) and the date that the individual became disabled. It also asks for a list of the medications taken and the medical tests conducted, and requests information about jobs the applicant has held.

Whenever someone requests an appointment to file for Social Security disability benefits, we will send him or her a copy of the "Disability Starter Kit." Or website visitors can find the kit online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/), or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY, 1-800-325-0778) and ask that a kit be mailed to them.

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## DISABILITY MENTORING DAY

IndependenceFirst is once again the local coordinator for the Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) on October 18th. Started in 1999 by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), Disability Mentoring Day is designed to allow students with disabilities in middle school through college to explore a career area of interest through a daylong job shadow with an area employer.

Intern Jennifer Halverson is busy recruiting students from area schools and Milwaukee area employers. Once the students are signed up, they will be asked about their future career interests. They will then be matched with an employer in their chosen field for a day of learning, exploration, and networking.

This is also a wonderful opportunity for employers to recruit interns and discover more about the potential of future employees. It also provides employers with an educational experience to learn about people with disabilities in turn allowing them to demonstrate positive leadership in their community. Employers can host students at their worksite by contacting their local DMD Coordinator or serving as an employer coordinator. AAPD also welcomes employers to sponsor DMD at the national and/or local levels. For more information about Disability Mentoring Day, please contact Jennifer Halverson at 414-291-7520 ext. 8138 V/Relay or [ndmd@independencefirst.org](mailto:ndmd@independencefirst.org).

## COMPUTER CLASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

The United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, 819 E. Silver Spring Drive will offer computer classes for people with disabilities over 18 years of age or their caregivers. Classes are offered at the church computer lab and are taught by volunteer instructors. While the church and computer lab are accessible, at this time, the computer lab can only offer the "Big Keys" assistive device or roller ball mouse. Students otherwise must be able to use a keyboard or mouse and read a computer screen. The classes are intended to provide educational development, social stimulation and personal growth experience and will move at a pace comfortable for the

students. Starting Thursday, September 14, 2006 and ending October 20, 2006 Introduction to Computers class will meet at 6:00 and Intermediate Computer Open Lab will meet at 7:00 once a week each Thursday for six weeks for a term fee of \$25.00 each class. Students cannot sign up for more than one class. Accommodation of people will depend on the space in class and availability of volunteer staff so apply early for special needs classes. For more information, please call the church at 964-2424 and ask for the people with disabilities computer class coordinator when calling or you may write to the UMC, 819 E. Silver Spring Drive, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217 or e-mail New Horizons Unlimited at [horizons@new-horizons.org](mailto:horizons@new-horizons.org).

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT MILWAUKEE'S SENIOR CENTERS

Staff from SDC will be available to answer questions and complete forms for energy assistance. No appointment is necessary. Applicants should bring: Proof of all income sources for all household members 18 years or older for the previous three months; Social Security cards for everyone in the household; Current energy bill (gas/electric/oil); Rent certificate or statement from landlord confirming heat included in rent.

### Wilson Park Senior Center

2601 W. Howard Ave, Milwaukee  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am – 4:00pm

### Kelly Senior Center

6100 S Lake Drive, Cudahy  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

### Clinton Rose Senior Center

3045 N Martin Luther King Dr., Milwaukee  
September 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

### Washington Park Senior Center

4420 W Vliet Street, Milwaukee  
September 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

### McGovern Park Senior Center

4500 W. Custer Ave., Milwaukee  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am – 4:00pm

*These centers are funded by Milwaukee County Department on Aging and managed by Interfaith Older Adult Programs.*

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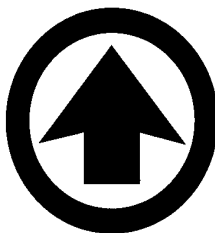
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24 SF 1:05	25	26 CHC 7:05	27 CHC 7:05	28 STL 7:10	29 STL 7:10	30 STL 3:15

## September Promotions

### September 2 Pepsi/Pick 'n Save Robin Yount Bobble Head

All fans in attendance will receive a collectible Brewers bobble head doll, featuring former Brewers player and current Bench Coach Robin Yount in one of three uniforms.

### September 3 Topps Brewers Trading Cards

First 10,000 kids 16 & under receive a pack of six Milwaukee Brewers baseball cards.

### September 9 Valvoline Instant Oil Change Special Coupon

The first 20,000 fans 18 and older receive a special coupon offer.

### September 10 Time Warner Cable Brewers Cap

First 15,000 fans will receive an "m/b glove" logo Brewers cap.

### September 22-24 Northwestern Mutual Brewers Drive For Charity

Drop off any gently used coats during the Cincinnati series from the gate opening through the second inning.

### September 23 Fan Appreciation Night

All fans receive a team photo card and have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes in a post-game drawing.

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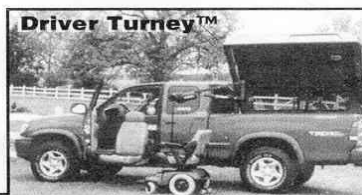
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This special event is open to all persons with disabilities.

Family members and friends are welcomed to come and help!

For more information, please call us at 414-482-0133.

**The deadline to register is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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**FALL FANFARE FESTIVAL RSVP**

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am a 2006 Key Card Member ☐ I am a non-member ☐ # of guests coming

☐ I will need help with feeding ☐ I will need help with the activities

**I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$4.00 for 2006 Key Card Members \$5.00 for non-members**

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5151 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

## Milwaukee County Childcare-Special Needs 2006 FALL Class Schedule

Classes held at Marcia P. Coggs Human Service Center: 1220 W. Vliet Street, in Room 104. The \$10.00 registration fee for each class is non-refundable and non-transferable unless class cancels. No other exceptions granted. Accepted forms of payment: money order or certified bank check made out to DHHS. We do NOT accept personal or company checks. Business Office will accept cash if you pay in person. For questions, contact 414-289-6060 and ask for: Ann or Joe.

DATE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION
<b>September 13</b> 5:45pm - 7:45pm	<b>Understanding Autism and other Spectrum Disorders</b> Jennifer Piette, Autism Consultant	Learn more about Autism and the various spectrum disorders. Learn best practices in caring for a child with this disorder and strategies for positive communication.
<b>September 20</b> 5:45pm - 7:45pm	<b>Understanding ADHD and Strategies for Supporting Children</b> Maureen Keyes of UW-Milwaukee	Learn about ADHD and how different techniques can improve your ability to care successfully for young children coping with this disorder.
<b>September 30</b> 9:30am - 11:30am	<b>Sensory Integration and Behavioral Communication</b> Terri Enters of Lutheran Social Services-Birth to Three	What is sensory Integration? Learn how sensory integration through touch, sound, and movement can lead to behavior problems and difficulty with coordination. Learn techniques that avoid behavioral challenges.
<b>October 11</b> 5:45pm - 7:45pm	<b>Understanding Epilepsy and Seizures</b> Allen Natole-Epilepsy Foundation	Become familiar with Epilepsy and best practices for caring for a child with this disorder.
<b>October 18</b> 5:45pm-7:45pm	<b>Infectious Diseases and Universal Precautions</b> Claire Bark, RN from City of Milwaukee Health Dept.	Learn the basics about infectious diseases and the proper precautions to protect yourself and the children in your care. Sanitizing work and play areas, handle and store food, and recognize symptoms of the most common childhood illnesses.
<b>October 28</b> 9:30am-11:30am	<b>Birth to Three &amp; Special Needs Programs</b> Liz Kraniak - Disability Division; Ann Farah-Special Needs Childcare Program	Learn what services are available and how to make referrals for children in your care that you suspect of having a developmental delay or health care need.
<b>November 1</b> 5:45pm-7:45pm	<b>Understanding Down Syndrome</b> Instructors from Down Syndrome Assoc. of WI Jackie Michlig and Kevin Larson	Learn about children diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Learn how challenges for including all children can be overcome, and to make children with differences feel accepted and welcomed in your class.
<b>November 11</b> 9:30am-11:30am	<b>Milwaukee County Literacy Program: Literacy for Children with Differing Abilities</b> Michelle Balistreri, Childcare Coordinator -Literacy	Learn about the Literacy program offered through Milwaukee County. Find out how you can use different strategies to engage children in reading and exploring their world with language.
<b>November 15</b> 5:45pm-7:45pm	<b>Best Practices for Respiratory Treatments, G-Tube Feedings and Administering Medications</b> Joanette Mazar, RN from Penfield Children's Center	Learn important techniques for enteral tube feedings and respiratory treatments. How to use nebulizers and metered dose inhalers (puffs). Also learn appropriate practices to follow in administering medications to children.
<b>December 6</b> 5:45pm-7:45pm	<b>Using Visual Supports for Early Language and Literacy Development</b> Sarah McClendon -Milwaukee Public Schools	Newest research supports that language and literacy skills develop simultaneously. Visual supports, such as sign language, pictures and props help to bridge these processing gaps. This session is designed to provide teachers and caregivers with resources on using visual supports in the classroom and at home.
<b>December 9</b> 9:30am-11:30am	<b>Technology Aids for Children with Special Needs</b> Prabha Hariharan of UW - Milwaukee	Learn about Assistive technology (AT). Learn why technology is important for early childhood, ways to evaluate if a child needs AT, and how resources can be obtained.

\*\*\*\*Mail \$10.00 registration fee for each class and form to: **Coggs Center Business Office: 1220 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee WI 53205.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to mail certificate to: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Translators must be requested 3 days prior to class! I request translation in the following language: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent of a Child with a Special Need:** **Yes** **No**

(Parents attend for free if they do not need credit or certificate. Fill out form and mail to Milwaukee County address listed above.)

Last 5 digits of Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ PROVIDER # \_\_\_\_\_

(For Continuing Ed credit with The Registry)

(Not necessary for employees)

**CLASS NAME:**

**DATE:**

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## About MESN

The **Milwaukee Employment Services Network (MESN)** was organized in 1995 by a group of professionals in the Milwaukee area who were receiving training in quality improvement principles and design strategies. The network **MESN**



*Always thinking about ways to overcome barriers and help individuals realize their greatest potential!*

evolved from this collaboration. The members of **MESN** are involved in various aspects of providing employment services to people with disabilities. They are from The Ranch, Goodwill, Curative, UCP, MCFI, CEO, Cornerstone, Bell

Therapy, DVR, Milwaukee Co., and UWM School of Continuing Ed to name a few.

**Mission:** To exchange resources, ideas and experiences with the goal of assisting people with disabilities in solving barriers to employment.

MESN meets on a monthly basis at various locations and welcomes additional members. Contact Janet Badura @ 414.289.5726 for additional information.

MESN C/o UCP  
7519 W. Oklahoma Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53219  
Attn: Marianne Payleitner

RSA Region V  
**CRP-RCEP**  
and  
**Milwaukee Employment  
Services Network  
(MESN)**  
presents

## Vocational Implications of Psychiatric Disabilities:

***Implications for  
Community  
Rehabilitation Service  
Providers***

**Wednesday  
September 13, 2006  
8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Hospitality Inn  
4400 S. 27th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221



## Work shop Overview:

This workshop will provide an overview of various psychiatric disabilities and discuss their implications for vocational rehabilitation planning and service delivery. Participants will be provided with a framework for understanding the cognitive, affective, and behavioral factors associated with common psychiatric disabilities. Emphasis will be placed on strategies directed at facilitating employment and employment retention. Case studies will be used to reinforce the understanding of basic concepts and assist with identifying appropriate employment strategies.

## Workshop Objectives:

Become aware of the cognitive, affective, and behavioral factors associated with different psychiatric disabilities.

Develop a framework for understanding of how psychiatric disabilities impact employment and employment retention.

Develop an understanding of how recent changes in the labor market impact the employment of individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

Become aware of specific strategies directed at facilitating employment and employment retention of individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

## Presenter:

**Dr. David Strauser** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health at the University of Illinois. He has over 10 years experience as a rehabilitation educator and researcher and extensive experience in working with people with disabilities. He has provided consultation to community based rehabilitation and mental health programs in the area of career development and employment of individuals with disabilities. He has published in national and international journals and has presented at regional, national and international conferences. He is currently serving as Co-editor of the Journal of Rehabilitation and serves on the editorial board of Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin, Rehabilitation Education, and Rehabilitation Psychology.

## Cost: \$60.00

Includes registration, materials, deluxe continental breakfast, snacks and beverages. Lunch on your own. Free Parking.

**Lodging:** A limited number of rooms have been blocked at reduced rates. If you need lodging please contact the Hospitality Inn @414.282.8800. Mention MESN training along with the date.

For more information visit:

[www.hospitalityinn.com](http://www.hospitalityinn.com)

## Registration Form

To register for the workshop:

Call Janet Badura @ 414.289.5726

Fax your registration to: 414.329.4510

Email your registration to:  
[mpayleitner@ucpsew.org](mailto:mpayleitner@ucpsew.org)

Please send a separate registration form for each participant.

Make checks payable to: MESN C/o UCP

## Please type or print clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Mail Registration TO:

MESN C/o UCP  
7519 W. Oklahoma Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53219  
Attn: Marianne Payleitner

Questions?

Call Janet Badura @ 414.289.5726



# DOORS

**Disability Outreach  
Offering Resources  
through Service**

**Volunteer and be a  
part of this exciting  
new initiative in  
Milwaukee!**

**Become economically  
empowered through  
volunteering.**

**In addition, you will  
improve the economic  
status of those you  
serve, learn new skills,  
gain experience and  
meet new people!**

## Organizations involved in this initiative:

- Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee.
- Points of Light Foundation
- Private Industry Council
- IndependenceFirst
- Wisconsin Paralyzed Veterans of America
- State of Wisconsin - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- AARP Tax Aide Program
- Growing Power
- Holy Redeemer Community Credit Union
- IRS - SPEC Program

The Volunteer Center is a service of  
the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee.

For more information  
on volunteerism visit  
[volunteermilwaukee.org](http://volunteermilwaukee.org)  
or call (414) 273-7887



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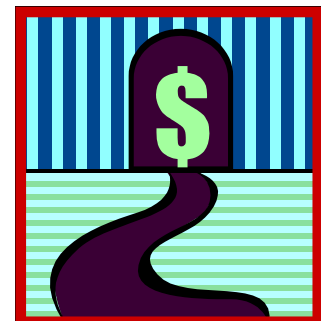


**Volunteer Center  
of Greater Milwaukee  
A service of the  
Nonprofit Center**

# DOORS

**Open DOORS  
through  
volunteering**

**Helping individuals with  
disabilities become  
economically empowered  
through volunteering!**



# What is **DOORS?**

The DOORS Initiative is a collaboration between the Points of Light Foundation, The Volunteer Center, nonprofit organizations and organizations serving veterans and individuals with disabilities. Our goal is to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities, especially veterans, through volunteer opportunities that promote financial empowerment.

**Disability Outreach  
Offering Resources  
through Service**

## **What is economic empowerment?**

Activities that lead to improved employment and economic status.

## **Who can volunteer for the program?**

An individual is considered to have a “disability” if s/he has a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities. This definition is taken from the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## **Why should I participate?**

- Learn new skills
- Share a talent
- Gain satisfaction from helping others
- Improve your economic status
- Meet new people
- Learn about needs in the community
- Employability

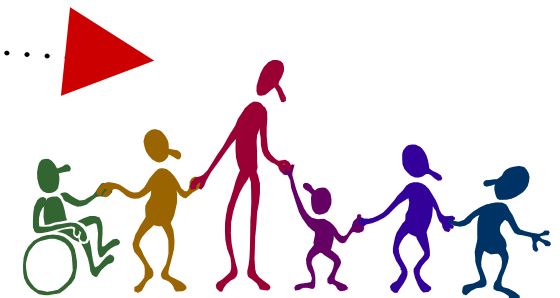
## **How can I become involved?**

Contact Lisa Anderson  
at the Volunteer Center  
(414) 273-7887

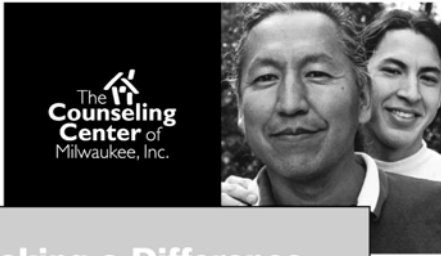
[Landerson@volunteermilwaukee.org](mailto:Landerson@volunteermilwaukee.org)

## **What types of volunteer opportunities are available?**

- Financial Educator
- Tax preparer
- Job Coach
- Case Manager
- Homeownership Counselor
- Workshop Facilitator
- Resource Room Assistant
- Greeter
- Urban Greenhouse Assistant
- Credit Union Teller
- And more,,,







## Making a Difference

The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc. (TCCM) can offer you a confidential atmosphere to explore and share your feelings with our support, therapy, and discussion groups. We serve a wide diversity of clients and do not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability status.

Repeatedly, our group members report that the simple realization that they are not alone leads to profound life changes, including improved self-esteem and a more positive attitude, a strengthening of personal relationships, and an enhanced sense of personal wellness.

All groups are held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Avenue.

Generally, the groups meet one week-day evening for 8 to 12 weeks, unless otherwise specified. Groups are run by well-trained facilitators and/or professional therapists.

Groups are \$100 for eight-week support groups, or \$100 per eight sessions for ongoing groups. Those who need a sliding fee scale must make arrangements with Cheryl Orgas. Sexual Abuse Support and Therapy groups are free of charge through a grant from the State of Wisconsin.

Call us today at **271-2565** to register for our support and therapy groups!

PLEASE CALL CHERYL ORGAS, LCSW

**(414) 271-2565**

[corgas@tccmilw.org](mailto:corgas@tccmilw.org)

for all groups unless otherwise noted.



*Counseling & Group*

# FALL GROUPS 2006



**All Groups will begin in October**

Unless otherwise specified

Call for dates and times.

**SELF-ESTEEM SUPPORT (for women)** Share with other women the obstacles you experience in trying to live a happier, more self-confident life.

**SELF-ESTEEM ON-GOING SUPPORT (for men)** Share with other men the obstacles you experience in trying to live a happier, more self-confident life. *Call Randy Neff (271-2565) to register.*

**ARTIST WAY GROUP** Join us in a creative environment to explore our hidden abilities through the book, *Artist Way* by Louise Cameron

**SUPPORT AND CONNECTION FOR WOMEN IN YOUR TWENTIES!** If you’re feeling isolated and alone, wondering what’s next, thinking how many changes and transitions can you handle, this group is for you.

**BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO! (Support for men and women)** If your relationship isn’t working and-or has come to an end, this group is for you. Join us in dealing with the emotions and difficulties that come from a breakup.

**ALL GROUPS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION IF THERE ISN’T ENOUGH INTEREST.**  
*Most groups will begin in October 2006 call for specific details.*  
*The begin date is based on member interest.*  
*Please call to get on the list.*

**SURVIVOR**

**FEMALE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE** This therapy group offers a forum for women to address childhood trauma and abuse and/or sexual assaults in adulthood.

**MALE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE** This therapy group will provide a forum for men to talk about their challenges as survivors of childhood sexual abuse. This on-going group meets on Thursday evenings. Call Randy Neff for more information.

**PARENTS and/or CAREGIVERS OF SURVIVORS (for parents or caregivers of children who have been sexually abused)** *Co-sponsored by TCCM and The Parenting Network.* Join us in dealing with the struggles you face. An ongoing group meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call before attending group the first time. Childcare is provided through our collaboration with The Parenting Network.

**LGBQ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Questioning, and Related Issues**

**GAY MEN’S GENERAL ISSUES GROUP** This group offers an understanding environment to focus on issues such as sexual identity, coming out, intimacy, HIV, relationships and self-esteem. Call Randy Neff to register.

**L-LIFE** New this Fall!! *Having questions about Milwaukee’s Lesbian community? Are you wondering where you fit in? Feeling isolated and friendless?* L-Life offers you a safe place to talk about your experiences and challenges. For more information and registration call Cheryl Orgas.

**LIVING AND LOVING IN TWO WORLDS** This is a monthly group for women in relationships with men and interested in better understanding their feelings for women and sexual orientation. Call Cheryl Orgas to find out when this group meets.

**FREE SPACE (for women who are experiencing feelings for women and would like to explore their sexual orientation)** This group will offer you an emotionally safe environment to address coming-out issues and unanswered questions you may have.

**SUPPORT FOR GAY FATHERS** This group offers a place for gay fathers to focus on the experiences and challenges facing gay men with children. Call Randy Neff for more details.

**SUPPORT FOR GAY MEN WHO HAVE PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES** If you would like to find support from other gay men who have had similar experiences, this therapy group might be for you. *We will bill insurance for this Friday morning group. Call Bill Hanel (271-2565) to register.*

**Q. What is a support group?**  
A.A support group is a caring & non-judgmental setting where people gather to share their feelings and concerns with one another. These groups are led by trained peer facilitators.

**Q. What is a therapy group?**  
A. A therapy group is a supportive atmosphere in which to work on personal goals and to make changes in a nurturing environment. An assessment interview is necessary for our therapy groups. These groups are led by experienced psychotherapists.

**TRAINING**

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING** This will offer you skills, techniques and experience in facilitating support groups. After completing the training, you will have an opportunity to co-facilitate groups at TCCM. Call for more information about this eight week training program.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING** A five week facilitator training for agencies/organizations beginning in October. Call for more information on fees, dates and times.

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**(414) 271-2565**

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**DID YOU KNOW??**

Fifty percent of members attending a TCCM group have a household income of less than \$15,000 a year,

and  
Over two-thirds of our member’s annual income is under \$25,000 a year

**YOU CAN HELP  
GIVE A GIFT TODAY !!**

Sponsor a Group Member

\$50 gift provides **safety**, \$100 gift provides **hope**

\$250 gift provides **healing**

Monthly Gift Plans Available

Contact the TCCM Development Office for information